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MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b),
is a Continuation application of PCT International Application
No. PCT/JP02/09817 filed on September 25, 2002.

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For: DEVICE FOR INSPECTING APPEARANCE OF A ROD-LIKE ARTICLE

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of twenty-six (26) pages
- ☒ Three (3) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
- ☐ Applicant does not claim priority
- ☒ Applicant claims the right of priority under the provisions
of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a) based on
Application No(s). 2001-291064 filed in Japan on September
25, 2001.
 - ☒ Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
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- ☒ Priority of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP02/09817 filed on September 25, 2002 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.
- ☒ Executed Declaration ☒ Original ☐ Photocopy
- ☒ An assignment of the invention
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 with reference(s)
- ☐ Other:

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